

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEES OF THE
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY:

Members and Their Characteristics¹

REPUBLICANS: (9)

Jesse Helms, chairman, North Carolina, 10/18/21, editor and businessman, Baptist, 13, 1/3/73.

Robert Dole, Kansas, 7/22/23, lawyer, Methodist, 7, 1/3/69, 4 House terms.

S. I. Hayakawa, California, 7/18/06, professor and writer and college president, Methodist, 18, 1/2/77.

Richard Lugar, Indiana, 4/4/32, businessman and farmer, Methodist, 20, 1/3/77.

Thad Cochran, Mississippi, 12/7/37, lawyer, Baptist, 23, 12/27/78.

Rudy Boschwitz, Minnesota, 11/7/80, businessman, Jewish, 24, 12/30/78.

Roger W. Jespsen, Iowa, 12/23/28, businessman, Lutheran, 29, 1/3/79.

Paula Hawkins, Florida, 6/24/27, businesswoman and public official, Mormon, 34, 1/3/81.

Mark Andrews, North Dakota, 5/9/26, farmer, Episcopalian, 30, 1/3/81, 8½ House terms.

DEMOCRATS: (8)

Walter D. Huddleston, Kentucky, 4/15/26, businessman, Methodist, 21, 1/3/73.

Patrick J. Leahy, Vermont, 3/31/40, lawyer, Roman Catholic, 25, 1/3/75.

Edward Zorinsky, Nebraska, 11/11/28, lawyer, Jewish, 26, 12/28/76.

John Melcher, Montana, 9/6/24, veterinarian, Roman Catholic, 30, 1/3/77, 3½ House terms.

David H. Pryor, Arkansas, 8/29/34, lawyer and governor, Presbyterian, 34, 1/3/79, 3½ House terms and ex-governor.

David L. Boren, Oklahoma, 4/21/41, lawyer and professor and governor, Methodist, 36, 1/3/79, ex-governor.

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Alan J. Dixon, Illinois, 7/7/27, lawyer, Presbyterian, 40, 1/3/81.

Howell Heflin, Alabama, 6/19/21, lawyer, Methodist, 37, 1/3/79.

Jurisdiction comprises agriculture and agricultural commodities; inspection of livestock, meat and agricultural products; animal industry and diseases; pests and pesticides; agricultural extension services and experiment stations; forestry and forest reserves and wilderness areas other than those created from the public domain; agricultural economics and research; home economics; plant industry, soils and agricultural engineering; farm credit and farm security; rural development, rural electrification and watersheds; agricultural production, marketing and stabilization of prices; crop insurance and soil conservation; human nutrition; school nutrition programs; food stamp programs; food from fresh waters.

SUBCOMMITTEES

Agricultural Credit and Rural Electrification

Hawkins (Chairman)	Zorinsky
Jepsen	Heflin
Andrews	Borin

Agricultural Production, Marketing, and Stabilization of Prices

Cochran (Chairman)	Huddleston
Helms	Zorinsky
Andrews	Melcher
Boschwitz	Dixon
Hawkins	Leahy

Agricultural Research and General Legislation

Lugar (Chairman)	Boren
Dole	Huddleston
Hayakawa	Pryor
Boschwitz	Heflin
Andrews	

Foreign Agricultural Policy

Boschwitz (Chairman)	Dixon
Lugar	Pryor
Cochran	Boren
Dole	Zorinsky
Jepsen	
Hawkins	

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE:
MEMBERS AND THEIR CHARACTERISTICS¹

DEMOCRATS: (24)

E. (Kika) de la Garza, Chairman, Texas, 9/22/27, lawyer, Roman Catholic, 17, 1/3/65.

Thomas S. Foley, Washington, 3/6/29, lawyer and instructor, Roman Catholic, 17, 1/3/65.

Walter B. Jones, North Carolina, 8/19/13, business executive, Baptist, 18, 2/5/66.

Ed Jones, Tennessee, 4/20/12, agricultural representative, Presbyterian, 23, 3/25/69.

George E. Brown, Jr., California, 3/6/20, management consultant and lecturer and radio commentator, Methodist, 28, 1/3/73, 4 previous House terms.

David R. Bowen, Mississippi, 10/21/32, assistant professor, Baptist, 30, 1/3/73.

Charlie Rose, North Carolina, 8/10/39, lawyer, Presbyterian, 30, 1/3/73.

Fred Richmond, New York, 11/15/23, business executive, Jewish, 38, 1/3/75.

James Weaver, Oregon, 8/8/27, builder and developer, unspecified, 38, 1/3/75.

Tom Harkin, Iowa, 11/19/39, lawyer, Roman Catholic, 38, 1/3/75.

Berkley Bedell, Iowa, 3/5/21, businessman, Methodist, 38, 1/3/75.

Glen English, Oklahoma, 11/30/40, business executive, Methodist, 38, 1/3/75.

Floyd Fithian, Indiana, 11/3/28, professor and farmer, Methodist, 38, 1/3/75.

Leon E. Panetta, California, 6/28/28, lawyer, Roman Catholic, 44, 1/3/77.

Jerry Huckaby, Louisiana, 7/19/41, farmer, Methodist, 44, 1/3/77.

Dan Glickman, Kansas, 11/24/44, lawyer, Jewish, 44, 1/3/77.

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Charlie Whitley, North Carolina, 1/3/27, congressional aide, Baptist, 44, 1/3/77.

Tony Coelho, California, 6/15/42, congressional aide, Roman Catholic, 48, 1/3/79.

Thomas A. Daschle, South Dakota, 12/9/47, public official, Roman Catholic, 48, 1/3/79.

Beryl Anthony, Jr., Arkansas, 2/21/38, lawyer, Episcopalian, 48, 1/3/79.

Charles W. Stenholm, Texas, 10/26/38, farmer, Lutheran, 48, 1/3/79.

Harold L. Volkmer, Missouri, 4/4/31, lawyer, Roman Catholic, 44, 1/3/77.

Charles Hatcher, Georgia, 7/1/39, lawyer, Episcopalian, 51, 1/3/81.

Byron L. Dorgan, North Dakota, 5/14/42, public official, Lutheran, 51, 1/3/81.

REPUBLICANS: (19)

William C. Wampler, Virginia, 4/21/26, journalist and businessman, Presbyterian, 10, 1/3/67, one previous term.

Paul Findley, Illinois, 6/23/21, publisher, United Church of Christ, 4, 1/3/61.

James M. Jeffords, Vermont, 5/11/34, lawyer, Congregationalist, 25, 1/3/75.

Tom Hagedorn, Minnesota, 11/27/43, farmer, Lutheran, 25, 1/3/75.

E. Thomas Coleman, Missouri, 5/29/43, lawyer, Protestant, 27, 11/2/76.

Ron Marlenne, Montana, 9/8/35, rancher, Lutheran, 28, 1/3/77.

Larry J. Hopkins, Kentucky, 10/25/33, stock broker, Methodist, 33, 1/3/79.

William M. Thomas, California, 12/6/41, political science professor, Conservative Baptist, 33, 1/3/79.

George Hansen, Idaho, 9/14/30, educator and businessman, Latter Day Saints, 24, 1/3/81.

Arlan Stangeland, Minnesota, 2/8/30, farmer, Lutheran, 29, 2/22/77.

Pat Roberts, Kansas, 4/20/36, congressional aide, Methodist, 37, 1/3/81.

Bill Emerson, Missouri, 1/1/38, businessman, Presbyterian, 37, 1/3/81.

John Napier, South Carolina, 3/16/47, lawyer, Presbyterian, 37,
1/3/81.

Joe Skeen, New Mexico, 6/30/27, rancher, Roman Catholic, 37, 1/3/81.

Sid Morrison, Washington, 5/13/33, fruit grower, Methodist, 37, 1/3/81.

Clint Roberts, South Dakota, 6/30/35, rancher, Methodist, 37, 1/3/81.

Steven Gunderson, Wisconsin, 5/10/51, public official, Lutheran, 37,
1/3/81.

Cooper Evans, Iowa, 5/26/24, farmer and engineer, Methodist, 37,
1/3/81.

Eugene Chappie, California, 3/21/20, rancher, Roman Catholic, 37, 1/3/81.

Jurisdiction includes adulteration of seeds, insect pests, protection of forest reserve birds and animals; agricultural-industrial chemistry, colleges, experiment, and education extension service; economics and research-production, marketing, and price stabilization of agricultural products; animal industry and disease; crop insurance and soil conservation; dairy industry; entomology and plant quarantine; farm credit and security; forestry, human nutrition and home economics; meat and livestock inspection; plant industry soils and agricultural engineering; and rural electrification.

COMMODITY SUBCOMMITTEES

Cotton, Rice, and Sugar

Bowen (Chairman)	Thomas
Huckaby	Stangeland
Coelho	Emerson
Anthony	Napier
Stenholm	Morrison
Hatcher	Gunderson
Jones	Chappie
Whitley	
Foley	
English	

Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry

Harkin (Chairman)	Hagedorn
Volkmer	Jeffords
Jones	Hopkins
Rose	Hansen
Whitley	Skeen
Coelho	Gunderson
Stenholm	
Hatcher	

Boyle (Chairman)
 Jones
 Whitely
 Hatcher
 Hopkins
 Stenholm

Hopkins
 Tappan
 Whipple
 Roberts

* Wheat, Soybeans and Feed Grains

Boyle (Chairman)
 Fitch
 Hatcher
 Jones
 Stenholm
 Volkner
 Wapner
 Sedell
 Buckaby

Findley
 Haglund
 Marien
 Stangeland
 Roberts
 Emerson
 Roberts
 Wapner

Domestic Marketing, Consumer Relations, and Nutrition

Richmond (Chairman)	Coleman
Panetta	Findley
Glickman	Hansen
Coelho	Chappie
Harkin	
Foley	

Forests, Family Farms, and Energy

Weaver (Chairman)	Marlenee
Foley	Hansen
Brown	Stangeland
Bedell	Skeen
Huckaby	Morrison
Panetta	Chappie
Daschle	
Anthony	
Dorgan	

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